

REMARKS

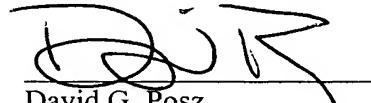
Examination of the present Rule 53(b) divisional application is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/043,166, filed on January 14, 2002, which is the division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/181,670 (the parent application), filed on October 29, 1998. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification based upon amendments made during prosecution of the above related applications.

The Examiner should note that Applicants have cancelled claims 1-33 in the present application and have added new claims 34-38 to claim additional patentable features of the present invention.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

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